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FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITOL.

Our Special Correspondent Writes Entertainingly of Things at Washington.

The announcement by Governor Hughes of his candidacy for the presidency was calmly received in administration and congressional circles, as it has been known in Washington for months that he was a factor in the equation to be dealt with. His promised speech on January 31st is, however, awaited with the keenest interest, for, it is maintained, in this speech Governor Hughes must be specific as to the principles upon which he stands and is willing to stand, and must not deal in glittering generalities. Not a single senator and but few representatives would consent to be quoted when asked for an opinion about this announcement, all preferring to await the speech promised for January 31st before expressing any opinion regarding Hughes' candidacy.

The sensation of the hour in Washington is the letter to Representative Parsons of New York state from Secretary Taft, in which he impresses upon his friends the duty of not dividing state delegations where the state has its own candidate. This letter is in accord with the general policy of the secretary's managers not to invade the territory of favorite sons, and in political circles the belief obtains that it was inspired by a desire to prevent the development of a condition of affairs in New York state that might have seriously endangered the success of the national ticket in November. Friends of Secretary Taft declare that this letter will, to a very large extent, put a stop to the reports that the president, inspired by his interest in the Taft candidacy, is seeking to suppress a free expression of opinion by party leaders in New York and other states.

The charges of some republican senators and others that President Roosevelt and a number of the heads of executive departments are using federal patronage as a means of getting Taft delegates in the republican national convention, have greatly incensed the president. On Thursday of this week he asked his cabinet officers to prepare a list of all the appointments coming under their respective jurisdiction which have been transmitted to the senate for confirmation since the beginning of the present session of congress, and the expectation is that he will prepare a complete list of those nominations, and then make a public statement designed to refute the allegation that there has been "prostitution of patronage for political purposes." For several weeks certain senators and representatives have been alleging that federal patronage has been used in the interest of Secretary Taft. Some of the law-makers at the capitol who are affiliated with other candidates for the presidency have gone to the extent of claiming that federal officials in Washington and in other cities have been drafted into the service of the administration. These repeated assertions that he has been misusing his appointive power have finally convinced the president of the advisability of some action in the matter and the expectation is that the specific instances of alleged favoritism by the administration will be treated in a statement soon to be made public at the White House.

Several weeks ago the house of representatives passed a resolution requesting the secretary of the navy to send to the house all the papers, documents and correspondence on file in the navy department relating to the controversy growing out of the assignment of a staff officer to command a naval vessel, and pursuant to that resolution the full record of the events leading up to the resignation of Rear Admiral Brownson, former chief of the bureau of navigation, has been disclosed. The case is to be fully aired in congress, much to the relief of the many friends of that gallant officer who feel that the treatment recently accorded him at the hands of the chief executive was anything but fair.

After having considered almost every important question affecting the commercial progress of the country, the national board of trade concluded its thirty-eighth annual meeting in Washington this week. A campaign of publicity will be started by which the board intends to disseminate literature bearing on forestry, irrigation, and improved waterways among the leading commercial organizations of the country. The recommendations of the postmaster general regarding a postal savings bank were indorsed by the board, and it, also, recommended that works of art for public exhibition should be admitted free of duty.

The secretary of commerce and labor and the commissioner general of immigration are much annoyed by the misapprehension in the public mind as to the functions of the division of information, created by congress to aid in the work of diverting immigrants to the sections of the country where they are needed. Information on every conceivable subject has been called for by people throughout the United States. One inquiry was from a young woman who wished to know what premiums were paid for old coins; another asked if he could be advised of the whereabouts of a first-class resort for persons suffering with rheumatism, but the gem of the collection was received this week from a bachelor up-state in New York. "I want a servant girl. If she suits I will marry her. She must be amiable of disposition, beauteous of person, tractable under all circumstances, and willing to work."

Why People Want Taft
By Walter J. Ballard

The people want William Howard Taft for president because he is an American through and through.

The people want Taft because, when he is called upon to face a public question or a public duty, he does not ask, "Will it pay me politically to do this, or not do that?" but, on the contrary, his guiding thought is, "What shall I do with this question, or this duty, in the best interest of my country?" Finding for himself the answer to that self-sacrificing, patriotic question, he acts accordingly.

The people want Taft because he has successfully performed every public duty which has been intrusted to his charge since that day in January, 1881, when he received his first public appointment as assistant prosecuting attorney for Cincinnati, Ohio.

The people want Taft because of his successful organization of the Philippine civil commission; his administration of the islands and his adaptation thereto of American forms of government; his missions in those islands to various divisions of natives and their pacification; his vigorous upholding of the flag and the submission thereto of the insurgents; his support of American education for the people

of all ranks, classes, conditions and creeds; his fearless advocacy then and now of the rights of the Filipinos to equal treatment under our laws.

The people want Taft because they realize that the success of his mission to the Vatican regarding our purchase of the friars' lands in the Philippines is all the evidence required to prove that he possesses diplomatic ability of the highest order—such diplomatic ability, strengthened by experience, as will be needed by whoever shall be president of this great nation of ours, in the years of international anxiety and American responsibility which are before us.

The people want Taft because when but recently, revolution threatened our great trade and investment interests in Cuba, he hurried down there, and by diplomacy and candor averted the catastrophe, inducing the malcontents on both sides to accept provisional government at American hands; under which government the island is peaceful and prosperous.

The people want Taft because, though vigorously urged by President Roosevelt to accept a seat for life on the bench of the supreme court of the United States—the most highly respected judicial body in the world—he remained true to his promise to the people of the Philippines that he would not leave them until civil government was firmly established.

The people want Taft because when the need arose, mainly in the interest of speedy construction of the American Panama canal, he accepted the great office of secretary of war, and by personal visits to Panama, by the cutting of "red tape," by care in letting contracts and buying supplies, he is pushing the work to expected completion at a considerably earlier date than appeared possible before the work came under his charge.

The people want Taft because he is a man in every sense of the word; a man whose word is his bond; a man who impresses his virile manhood upon other men; a man whose work is never done while there is any of his country's work to do; a man whose watchword is duty; a man whose simple creed is "My God, my country, my party, and my neighbor;" a man who is a true husband, a good father, and a patriotic citizen; a man who is loved by all who know him, feared by all who oppose his righteous acts, and praised by all who have watched and studied his work.

Republican Township Convention

The republican voters of Jefferson township are hereby called to meet in mass convention in the opera house at Laclede, on Saturday, February 8, 1908, at 2:30 p. m. for the purpose of electing seventeen delegates to the county convention to be held at Linneus on Wednesday, February 12, 1908, and for the transaction of such other business as may be properly brought before the convention.

C. B. WELSH,
Chairman Twp. Com.

J. L. Kille, one of Linn county's old and most respected citizens, died at his home in Browning last Sunday afternoon. The deceased had resided in Browning for many years and once owned and edited the Browning Record. He was a brother of the late Thomas Kille, of Linneus. He leaves two sons, Messrs. Fred and H. F. Kille, and one daughter, Miss Stella. He was a prominent member of the M. E. church and of the G. A. R. Funeral services were conducted last Sunday by Rev. W. E. Royston after which the remains were laid to rest in the Jenkins cemetery. — Bulletin.

THESE BE FOR TAFT

Delegates From First Missouri District Instructed to Vote for the Secretary

The republicans of the First Missouri congressional district, met at Lancaster last Saturday and elected delegates to the Chicago convention, instructed to vote for the nomination of Secretary William H. Taft for president. This is the first republican district convention in Missouri to elect delegates.

John E. Gilleland of New Cambria and Edward P. Spangler of Kahoka were chosen as delegates; A. W. Sellaway of Williamstown and Joseph S. Jones of Memphis, were named as alternates, and John S. Newland of Lewiston as presidential elector.

The resolutions of indorsement of Taft and instruction of delegates conclude as follows:

"Therefore, to the end that he shall be selected as our standard bearer, it is the sense of the convention, now assembled, that the delegates and alternates this day chosen by it to represent the republicans of the first congressional district of Missouri in the national convention at Chicago on June 16, 1908, be, and they are hereby, instructed to cast their votes, and each and all of them, first, last and every ballot to be there taken, for the nomination of William H. Taft as the republican candidate for president of the United States in the campaign of 1908."

Republican Convention Called

At a meeting of the Linn county republican central committee held in Linneus, Mo., on Monday, Jan. 13, 1908, it was unanimously ordered that a county convention be called to meet in Linneus, Mo., Feb. 12, 1908, at 11 a. m., for the purpose of choosing 11 delegates to the congressional convention to be held in Chillicothe, Mo., Feb. 17, 1908, to elect 2 delegates and 2 alternates to the national convention to be held in Chicago, Ill., June 16, 1908; and, 2nd, for the purpose of choosing 11 delegates to the state convention to be held in St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 27, 1908, to elect 4 delegates-at-large and 4 alternates to the national convention and also to elect one member of the republican national committee for the state of Missouri.

The basis of representation fixed by the committee was one delegate for every 20 votes and fraction of 11 cast for Theodore Roosevelt in 1904.

The various townships are entitled to the following representation and shall elect their delegates at primaries to be held in the different precincts on Saturday, Feb. 8, 1908, at 2 p. m.

Baker	6	Grantsville	6
Benton	6	Jackson	6
Benton	6	Jefferson	6
Brookfield 1	10	Locust Creek	9
Brookfield 2	11	Marcelline	7
Brookfield 3	11	Marcelline W	13
Brookfield 4	10	North Salem	8
Bucklin	10	Parson Creek	9
Clay	7	Yellow Creek	5
Enterprise	3	Total	160

Necessary to choose 81

F. W. BURKE, Chairman.
CHAS. PETTS, Secretary.

There isn't much hope for the man who is unable to convince himself that he is just a little better than his neighbors.

Sheriff's Sale Under Transcript Execution

By virtue and authority of a transcript execution issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Linn County, Mo., and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said county directed, in favor of H. Black, John P. Sallee and Joseph Huffman, co-partners doing business under the firm name of Black, Sallee & Huffman, and against S. M. McKisson, and made returnable to the February term, 1908, of said Circuit Court. I have seized and levied upon, as the property of the said S. M. McKisson, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot number six (6) in Block numbered five (5) in Bell's Addition to the town of Laclede, all lying and being in said Linn county, and State of Missouri, and I will, on Thursday, the 20th day of February, 1908, and during the session of the Circuit Court for said county, and between the hours of nine (9) o'clock in the forenoon and five (5) o'clock in the afternoon of that day sell at public vendue to the highest and best bidder, for cash in hand, in front of the Court House door in the City of Brookfield, Linn county, Mo., all the right, title and interest of the said S. M. McKisson in and to the above described real estate, to satisfy said execution and costs.

GEORGE W. ANDERSON,
Sheriff of Linn County, Mo.

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Are Made Miserable by
Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

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Trustee Sale

Whereas Joseph H. Preston and Mary Preston, his wife, by their certain deed of trust dated April 27th, 1903, and recorded in the Recorder's office in and for Linn county, Missouri, in Book 151 at page 221, conveyed the South-East quarter of the North-West quarter of Section No. Four (4) in Township No. Fifty-seven (57) North of Range No. Twenty (20) West, in Linn county, Missouri, to the undersigned trustee to secure the promissory note and debt therein described and such debt being now past due and wholly unpaid and the said Joseph H. Preston having been dead more than nine months, I will at the request of the legal holder and owner of such note and debt on Monday, the 10th day of February, 1908, at the front door of the Postoffice in the City of Laclede in Linn county, Missouri, sell the above described land at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash in hand between the hours of eight o'clock a. m. and five o'clock p. m. of said day to satisfy such debt and interest as provided by the terms of such trust deed.

HARRY J. LIBBY,
Jan. 11th, 1907. Trustee.

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